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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Guy Krippner et al.
Application No. : 10/088,282
Filed : July 22, 2002
For : ANTIVIRAL AGENTS
Examiner : Venkataraman Balasubramanian
Art Unit : 1624
Docket No. : 150070.402USPC
Date : October 18, 2004

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 17, 2004, please extend the period of time for response one month, to expire on October 18, 2004 (October 17 being a Sunday). Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

Reconsideration of this application in view of the following comments is respectfully requested.

By Office Action mailed August 17, 2004, the Examiner has entered a two-way Restriction Requirement as set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. In response to the same, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the Group I claims – that is, claims 14-18 drawn to a compound of formula 1. Applicants further elect the species of compound 50 for purpose of initial examination.

In view of the above remarks, consideration of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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